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Document A2 discloses a black and white image-reading device with a four-line sensor.

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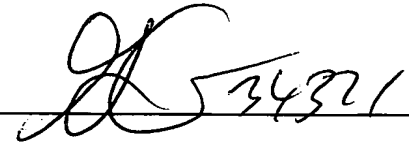
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|                       | A1                       | JP                      | 2002-112046         | A                                    | TOSHIBA TEC CORP.                                   | 04-12-2002   |  | Abstract       |
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